

What is claimed as new and what is desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A downrigger adaptor assembly employable on water vessels and  
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  - a seat-mounting member comprising
    - a substantially rectangular frame having planar top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of apertures passing therethrough at predetermined positions, and
  - 10 an elongated support post having opposed end portions secured to said frame and removably engageable with a select portion of a boat seat so that said seat-mounting member can be rotated in select radial paths;
  - a mounting plate secured to said seat-mounting member and being disposed thereabove, said mounting plate having a substantially rectangular shape and
  - 15 further having a plurality of apertures formed therein for receiving a plurality of fastening members passing upwardly from said frame; and
  - a downrigger base-mounting member secured to said mounting plate and extending upwardly therefrom for receiving at least one fishing accessory.
- 20 2. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 1, wherein said seat-mounting member further comprises: a helical spring member disposed about said support post and extending along a partial length thereof, said spring member for providing resilient force and thereby assisting said assembly to maintain an equilibrium position after being selectively adjusted during operating conditions.
- 25 3. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 1, wherein said downrigger base-mounting plate is disposed adjacent a distal end portion of said mounting plate and said seat-mounting member is offset at a proximal end portion of said mounting plate.

4. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 1, further comprising: an elongated cable having opposed end portions connected to said mounting plate and a stationary portion of a boat so that said assembly can be maintained within a predetermined arcuate path during operating conditions.

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5. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 4, wherein said cable comprises: a plurality of quick-release fastening members secured to said opposed end portions thereof and for allowing an operator to readily adjust the predetermined arcuate path as needed.

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6. A downrigger adaptor assembly employable on water vessels and comprising:

a seat-mounting member comprising

15 a substantially rectangular frame having planar top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of apertures passing therethrough at predetermined positions,

an elongated support post having opposed end portions secured to said frame and removably engageable with a select portion of a boat seat so that said seat-mounting member can be rotated in select radial paths, and

20 a helical spring member disposed about said support post and extending along a partial length thereof, said spring member for providing resilient force and thereby assisting said assembly to maintain an equilibrium position after being selectively adjusted during operating conditions;

a mounting plate secured to said seat-mounting member and being disposed

25 thereabove, said mounting plate having a substantially rectangular shape and further having a plurality of apertures formed therein for receiving a plurality of fastening members passing upwardly from said frame; and

a downrigger base-mounting member secured to said mounting plate and extending upwardly therefrom for receiving at least one fishing accessory.

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7. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 6, wherein said downrigger base-mounting plate is disposed adjacent a distal end portion of said mounting plate and said seat-mounting member is offset at a proximal end portion of said mounting plate.

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8. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 6, further comprising: an elongated cable having opposed end portions connected to said mounting plate and a stationary portion of a boat so that said assembly can be maintained within a predetermined arcuate path during operating conditions.

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9. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 8, wherein said cable comprises: a plurality of quick-release fastening members secured to said opposed end portions thereof and for allowing an operator to readily adjust the predetermined arcuate path as needed.

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10. A downrigger adaptor assembly employable on water vessels and comprising:

    a seat-mounting member comprising

        a substantially rectangular frame having planar top and bottom

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        surfaces and a plurality of apertures passing therethrough at predetermined positions,

        an elongated support post having opposed end portions secured to said frame and removably engageable with a select portion of a boat seat so that said seat-mounting member can be rotated in select radial paths, and

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        a helical spring member disposed about said support post and extending along a partial length thereof, said spring member for providing resilient force and thereby assisting said assembly to maintain an equilibrium position after being selectively adjusted during operating conditions;

        a mounting plate secured to said seat-mounting member and being disposed

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    thereabove, said mounting plate having a substantially rectangular shape and

further having a plurality of apertures formed therein for receiving a plurality of fastening members passing upwardly from said frame; and

a downrigger base-mounting member secured to said mounting plate and extending upwardly therefrom for receiving at least one fishing accessory, said

5 downrigger base-mounting plate being disposed adjacent a distal end portion of said mounting plate and said seat-mounting member is offset at a proximal end portion of said mounting plate.

11. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 10, further comprising: an  
10 elongated cable having opposed end portions connected to said mounting plate and a stationary portion of a boat so that said assembly can be maintained within a predetermined arcuate path during operating conditions.

12. The downrigger adaptor assembly of claim 11, wherein said cable  
15 comprises: a plurality of quick-release fastening members secured to said opposed end portions thereof and for allowing an operator to readily adjust the predetermined arcuate path as needed.